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<i>Application Number</i>	09/940,711-Conf. #5768
<i>Filing Date</i>	August 27, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Satoshi Mizutani
<i>Art Unit</i>	1771
<i>Examiner Name</i>	N. Torres Velazquez
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	02309/000J753-US0

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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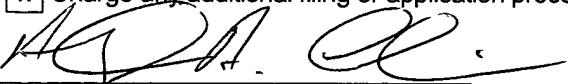
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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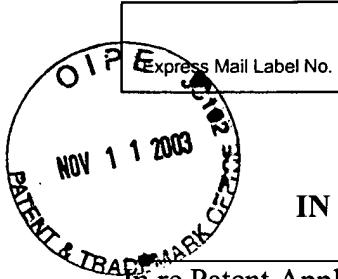
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1-12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.